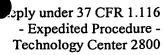
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In response to the Office Action of April 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: cancel claims 1, 2 and 7; amend claims 3, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 15 and add claim 20, as shown below.